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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY: OFFICE DIRECTOR
APPOINTMENTS

FOR ENDERS AND PREEG

1. LANTZKE TELLS US FRENCH HAVE PROPOSED THAT ONE OF
OFFICE DIRECTOR POSITIONS IN AGENCY (AT A-7 LEVEL) BE
FILLED BY FRENCH NATIONAL. COINCIDENTALLY, FORMER FRENCH
SCIENTIFIC COUNSELOR IN US, PIERRE AUDIGIER, HAS
REQUESTED HE BE CONSIDERED AS HEAD OF OFFICE OF LONG-
TERM COOPERATION. WHILE AUDIGIER APPLIED FOR POSITION
ON HIS OWN AND IS NOT OFFICIAL CANDIDATE OF GOF,
LANTZKE TOLD US HE WOULD HAVE BLESSING OF GOF.

2. LANTZKE TELLS US QUESTION OF FRENCH NATIONAL AT A-7
LEVEL IN COMBINED ENERGY/IEA SECRETARIAT WAS DISCUSSED
AT YOSHINO LUNCHEON DECEMBER 19 AND THAT SEVERAL HEADS
OF DELS PRESENT INCLUDING DAVIGNON FAVORED AND NONE
OPPOSED.

3. THERE ARE ONLY THREE A-7 POSITIONS TO BE FILLED IN
IEA SECRETARIAT, SINCE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO APPOINT
HOPKINS (US) AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. TWO OF THESE
(OIL MARKETS AND LONG-TERM COOPERATION) ARE ON COMBINED
OECD/IEA BASIS AND THEORETICALLY COULD BE FILLED BY
FRENCH. HOWEVER, LANTZKE PLANS TO HAVE RISTAGNO OF
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ITALY FILL OIL MARKETS POST, LEAVING ONLY LONG-TERM

COOPERATION AS FRENCH POSSIBILITY. THIRD OFFICE HEAD, FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, IS LIKELY TO BE KELLY OF UK. LANTZKE TELLS US JAPANESE HAVE NOT PROPOSED SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR ANY OF THESE POSTS.

4. LANTZKE HAS ASKED US ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FOR ANSWERS TO TWO QUESTIONS:

(A) WOULD US OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO HAVING FRENCH NATIONAL AT A-7 LEVEL AND SPECIFICALLY AS DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF LONG-TERM COOPERATION?

(B) CAN US GIVE US EVALUATION OF COMPETENCE AND SUITABILITY OF AUDIGIER FOR SUCH POSITION, BASED ON KNOWLEDGE OF AUDIGIER'S THREE YEARS IN WASHINGTON?

5. LANTZKE HAS AGREED TO RESPOND TO AUDIGIER'S APPLICATION BY MID-JANUARY. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE US RESPONSE TO ABOVE QUESTIONS BY JANUARY 6. TURNER

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